



TRAINING ON THE EUROPEAN UNION'S REACH PROPOSAL, GLOBAL CHEMICALS POLICY INITIATIVES, AND SUSTAINABLE CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

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Sponsored by The Lowell Center for Sustainable Production, The Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute, The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' Office of Technical Assistance, and The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

The proposed overhaul of the European chemicals management system, Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemical (REACH) - due to be in force in 2007- will have important implications for US firms exporting to Europe. Attend this one-day training to learn from one of the key REACH authors and other experts what you need to know to prepare for REACH, stay competitive, and advance more sustainable chemicals management in your firm.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

The new REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) system will put much more responsibility on companies to collect data on most chemicals on the market, assess the risk of these chemicals, and define safe use down the supply chain. It will also require companies to justify continued use of chemicals of very high concern. *Any company that exports chemicals or chemical mixtures into the EU, that competes in Europe, the US, or elsewhere with products meeting European standards, or that exports finished products to Europe, will be affected by REACH.*

This training session will help US companies prepare for REACH and move beyond the law towards sustainable chemicals management. The session will explain the key features of REACH, as well as the GHS (Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labeling of Chemicals) which will be integrated into REACH; tools for more sustainable chemicals management, product design and green chemistry; and how businesses can turn REACH around from a challenge to an opportunity. Attendees will receive a database of tools and resources to help them make informed decisions about chemicals and alternatives.

This is a unique chance to learn from one of the foremost experts about REACH and how it will impact your company.

WHY NOW – REACH ISN'T LAW YET?

REACH is going through the European Union decision-making process and is likely to be adopted by Spring, 2007. Given the important investments of stakeholders in developing the REACH proposal, the core features of REACH will likely not change substantially prior to its adoption. European companies are preparing for the challenges and opportunities of REACH – U.S. companies must do the same.

TO REGISTER

There is no fee for this training. However, registration is required in order to assure adequate food and training materials. Register by May 15 at www.chemicalspolicy.org/Registration.shtml. For Massachusetts Toxic Use Reduction Planners, a full day attendance at this training is worth six (6) professional continuing education credits. These credits may be used to apply to the Massachusetts DEP for recertification as a Toxics Use Planner.

THE LOWELL CENTER

The Lowell Center for Sustainable Production develops, studies, and promotes environmentally sound systems of productions, healthy work environments, and economically viable work organizations. The Chemicals Policy Initiative of the Lowell Center works with a variety of stakeholders to promote more sustainable chemicals policies and tools and approaches to achieving them. www.sustainableproduction.org and www.chemicalspolicy.org.

THE TRAINERS

Andrew Fasey is one of the (very few) authors of the European Commission's REACH proposal as well as being a member of the drafting group that prepared the GHS. He has over 18 years of experience working in Europe on regulatory chemicals issues. Lowell Center for Sustainable Production senior staff and others with decades of experience in chemicals management, policy, and technical assistance will assist in the training.